

Our investment approach

The Trustee has developed a range of investment options that are structured to provide a balance between investment growth and value protection. The Trustee's investment strategy is designed to achieve long term growth for our members, even during the recent turmoil that has impacted financial markets. This is actively managed through a diversified mix of growth and defensive assets that are invested across a broad range of investment managers.

For more information on our new options and fund asset allocation, please visit our website, and go to the Investment Centre. Alternatively, contact your local Consultant to discuss.

Lost super campaign

In mid-February, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) began a new campaign to find owners for the growing number of lost superannuation accounts.

Running until June, the campaign will target over 500,000 individuals via mail and phone.

Of course, employees need not wait to be contacted by the ATO, our local Consultants can help at anytime to locate and consolidate any lost super. Simply email memberservices@accountants-super.com to be put in touch with a Consultant.

For more information about the ATO's lost super campaign, visit their website www.ato.gov.au

Monthly market commentaries

Accountants Super will now be publishing general monthly market commentaries, supplied by our Asset Consultant, Watson Wyatt. January's commentary is now available on our website, www.accountants-super.com, under the Investment Centre.

Online payment options

Accountants Super offers fast and easy online payment options via eSuper on the Accountants Super website www.accountants-super.com

You can choose to pay by BPAY® or Direct Debit. To get started just call our Customer Service Centre on 1300 651 331 to obtain your username and password.



Engaging employees

A recent Mercer survey* asked employees how their employers could best help them prepare for retirement, and the top answers were financial advice and education about superannuation.

At Accountants Super, we offer workplace education sessions to ensure members are armed with the knowledge they need to make an informed decision about their superannuation, and provide you with a free employee benefit.

Our superannuation seminars cover a range of topics, from 'how to get your super in order' to 'how much super is enough' and we provide this service at no cost to you or your employees. Our local Consultants can arrange a session time to suit the needs of your business.

Accountants Super also provides access to discounted financial advice through Outlook Financial Solutions, in the areas of pre-retirement and general financial planning.

Please email us at memberservices@accountants-super.com, and a consultant will be in touch to provide more information.

*Mercer Superannuation Sentiment Index, February 2009

Employee No-TFN Tax

To avoid an additional tax of 31.5% on all SG contributions made, all your employees should ensure they have submitted their Tax File Number (TFN) to their chosen superannuation fund.

Employees will not be able to make personal contributions if their fund does not have their TFN.

As an employer, you must pass on your new employees' TFNs to their nominated super funds. Not doing so may attract a penalty.

For further information, call the Customer Service Centre or visit the ATO website, www.ato.gov.au

Temporary resident super

Last month, the Government announced changes to the treatment of unclaimed super for temporary residents.

From 18 December 2008:

- There will be new withholding tax rates on departing Australia superannuation payments (DASPs) where the application for payment is made on or after 1 April 2009.
- If temporary residents have left Australia for more than six months and have an expired or cancelled visa, the ATO will notify their super fund(s) to transfer the residents' unclaimed super to the ATO.

Note: These changes do not affect your employer obligations.

For more information, visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au

Super Clearing House

Through Accountants Super's alliance with The Superannuation Clearing House (The SCH), you can access free* superannuation clearing house services!

The SCH can take care of all your superannuation contributions for you - it's easy, and saves you time and money. Simply send all of your contributions as a single payment to them, and The SCH will forward the relevant information and payments to all the super funds you contribute to.

If you are interested, please contact one of the consultants listed below to learn more.

*Some conditions apply. The SCH is owned by Primary Superannuation Services, who also provide administration services for Accountants Super

Get on board the OnlineExpress!

OnlineExpress leads members through simple steps to collate all the data required to transfer superannuation benefits, and then prints out a form ready to sign and return to Accountants Super.

With convenient lookup features, OnlineExpress makes transferring funds straight-forward. However, its power is truly realised in the way it cuts out the tedious repetition required to transfer many funds. Whether it's one fund or ten, with OnlineExpress, members can now complete this task in one session.

Visit www.accountants-super.com for more information.

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